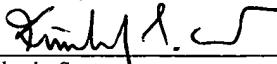
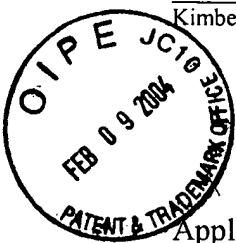


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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, and following the filing of the Preliminary Amendment dated October 23, 2003, please further amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

A listing of the Claims begins on page 3 of this paper. (No claim is amended.)

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